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**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS
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PRELIMINARY

MAIN FEATURES

The figures below refer only to civilian wage and salary earners excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service.

- Total employment decreased by 6,700 persons (4,000 males, 2,600 females). In seasonally adjusted terms total employment fell by 3,800 persons.
- Private employment fell by 7,600 persons while government employment increased by 900.
- The principal decreases were in manufacturing (6,100) and entertainment, recreation, etc. (1,600). Employment in community services increased by 1,400.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

2. Estimates of private and government employment in this statement are on a revised basis, designed to achieve uniformity of classification in ABS statistical collections. Details on the revised basis back to June 1975 are contained in recent issues of *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4).

Reference period

3. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of estimates

4. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners*, not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers and the unemployed. Employees in agriculture and private households are also excluded because of the inadequacy of current data. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

5. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

6. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources, such as special returns from government bodies and the Bureau's economic censuses and surveys. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types :

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

7. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for nearly 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

8. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education (including universities, colleges of advanced education, etc.), radio, television, police, public works, factories, marketing authorities, public hospitals (other than those run by charitable or religious organisations) and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

Symbols and other usages

- † Affected by industrial dispute.
- r revised

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(*000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1976 - May	1,079.0	829.4	410.3	278.4	249.0	88.5	24.7	51.7	3,011.0	2,998.2
June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.2	2,996.7
1977 - May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	(c)276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	(c)2,983.2	(c)2,970.0
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.8	88.7	23.7	50.2	2,979.2	2,969.3
FEMALES										
1976 - May	623.9	497.0	216.3	166.0	137.1	47.0	12.4	35.4	1,735.1	1,729.6
June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.7	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,732.9	1,727.1
1977 - May	624.2	497.6	217.4	(c)169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	(c)1,749.2	(c)1,743.5
June	624.3	495.2	217.9	168.8	142.9	48.4	13.2	35.7	1,746.6	1,740.4
PERSONS										
1976 - May	1,702.9	1,326.3	626.6	444.5	386.0	135.5	37.1	87.1	4,746.1	4,727.8
June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1	4,723.8
1977 - May	1,684.9	1,318.8	624.7	(c)446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.2	(c)4,732.4	(c)4,713.5
June	1,683.2	1,314.0	627.6	444.3	396.7	137.1	36.9	85.9	4,725.7	4,709.7

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1977* (Reference No.1.10). (c) Adjusted to exclude the temporary effect on education employment of an unusual incidence of school holidays.

TABLE 2. TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(*000)

Month	Private	Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
		Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES								
1976 - May	2,074.3	275.6	559.8	101.2	936.7	3,011.0	65.2	3,076.2
June	2,068.8	275.5	560.3	101.5	937.3	3,006.2	65.3	3,071.5
1977 - May	2,036.3	272.3	(d)572.1	102.5	(d)946.9	(d)2,983.2	66.5	(d)3,049.7
June	2,030.7	272.2	573.9	102.3	948.5	2,979.2	66.3	3,045.5
FEMALES								
1976 - May	1,241.3	115.4	358.7	19.7	493.8	1,735.1	3.6	1,738.7
June	1,237.0	115.5	360.6	19.8	495.9	1,732.9	3.6	1,736.5
1977 - May	1,233.8	116.8	(d)377.0	21.6	(d)515.4	(d)1,749.2	3.9	(d)1,753.1
June	1,231.8	116.1	377.0	21.8	514.8	1,746.6	3.8	1,750.4
PERSONS								
1976 - May	3,315.6	391.0	918.6	120.9	1,430.5	4,746.1	68.8	4,814.9
June	3,305.8	391.0	920.9	121.3	1,433.2	4,739.1	68.9	4,808.0
1977 - May	3,270.1	389.1	(d)949.1	124.1	(d)1,462.3	(d)4,732.4	70.4	(d)4,802.8
June	3,262.5	388.3	950.9	124.1	1,463.2	4,725.7	70.1	4,795.8

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (5.9 thousand persons in June 1977) engaged in agriculture or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. (d) See footnote (c) to Table 1.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

ASIC Division (a)	ASIC industry (a)	MALES				FEMALES				PERSONS			
		1976		1977		1976		1977		1976		1977	
		May	June	May	June	May	June	May	June	May	June	May	June
A(b)	Forestry, fishing and hunting	13.6	13.7	13.5	13.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	14.7	14.9	14.7	14.8
B	Mining	72.8	72.9	73.1	73.2	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.8	78.5	78.5	79.0	79.0
C	Manufacturing	891.8	888.7	870.5	866.0	311.4	308.2	291.9	290.2	1,203.2	1,196.9	1,162.3	1,156.2
	Food, beverages and tobacco	143.8	143.0	142.3	142.5	50.1	49.6	48.9	48.9	193.9	192.6	191.2	191.4
	Textiles	24.9	24.6	21.8	21.8	18.6	18.2	15.6	15.4	43.5	42.7	37.4	37.2
	Clothing and footwear	20.0	19.8	18.7	18.6	70.3	69.1	62.4	62.0	90.3	88.9	81.1	80.6
	Paper and paper products, printing	72.2	72.1	71.6	71.2	25.5	25.5	25.3	25.4	97.7	97.5	96.9	96.7
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	430.9	430.3	420.0	417.5	90.4	89.8	85.0	84.2	521.3	520.1	505.1	501.7
	Basic metal products	83.2	83.4	82.4	82.3	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	90.1	90.3	89.2	89.0
	Fabricated metal products	86.2	85.8	84.3	84.1	21.9	21.8	20.7	20.4	108.1	107.5	105.0	104.5
	Transport equipment	133.6	134.2	131.4	129.9	17.0	17.2	16.4	16.2	150.6	151.4	147.8	146.2
	Other machinery and equipment	127.9	126.9	121.9	121.2	44.6	43.9	41.2	40.9	172.5	170.9	163.1	162.0
D	Electricity, gas and water	91.4	91.5	92.9	93.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	100.4	100.5	102.1	102.1
E	Construction	354.1	352.8	342.1	342.9	18.3	18.2	18.1	18.1	372.4	371.0	360.2	361.0
F	Wholesale and retail trade	558.9	558.3	555.7	554.9	411.0	410.1	413.6	414.0	969.8	968.4	969.4	968.9
	Wholesale trade	243.6	244.0	241.7	241.1	94.7	94.6	93.7	93.3	338.3	338.6	335.4	334.4
	Retail trade	315.2	314.3	314.1	313.8	316.3	315.5	320.0	320.7	631.5	629.7	634.0	634.5
	Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	142.7	142.5	141.8	141.7	30.5	30.4	30.7	30.6	173.3	172.8	172.4	172.3
	Other retail trade	172.5	171.8	172.3	172.0	285.7	285.1	289.3	290.1	458.2	456.9	461.6	462.2
G	Transport and storage	215.3	214.6	212.2	212.2	36.3	36.2	37.0	37.1	251.6	250.8	249.2	249.3
	Road transport	82.4	81.7	80.0	79.9	13.6	13.6	13.8	13.8	95.9	95.3	93.7	93.7
H	Communication	71.7	71.8	71.1	71.1	29.2	29.3	29.2	29.0	100.9	101.1	100.3	100.1
I	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	197.4	197.3	197.5	197.4	182.6	183.0	188.0	187.6	380.0	380.3	385.5	385.0
J(c)	Public administration and defence	153.0	153.3	152.9	152.9	89.9	90.2	93.4	93.3	242.9	243.5	246.4	246.1
K	Community services	279.1	280.1	(d)290.6	291.4	478.1	480.9	(d)500.4	501.1	757.2	761.0	(d)791.0	792.4
	Health	64.0	64.5	68.3	68.3	250.7	252.4	262.1	263.1	314.7	316.9	330.4	331.4
	Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	120.6	120.9	(d)126.8	126.9	186.8	187.3	(d)197.0	196.8	307.4	308.3	(d)323.8	323.7
L(e)	Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	111.9	111.3	111.0	110.7	162.5	161.0	161.5	160.1	274.5	272.3	272.4	270.8
	TOTAL	3,011.0	3,006.2	(d)2,983.2	2,979.2	1,735.1	1,732.9	(d)1,749.2	1,746.6	4,746.1	4,739.1	(d)4,732.4	4,725.7

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification. Some Division totals include industries not specified separately. (b) Excludes ASIC Sub-divisions 01 (Agriculture) and 02 (Services to agriculture). (c) Excludes members of the permanent defence forces. (d) See footnote (c) to Table 1. (e) Excludes ASIC Sub-division 94 Private households employing staff.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

Principal industries (persons)										
Month	Total civilian employees			Private/ government (persons) (a)		Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Govern- ment (b)					
ORIGINAL										
1976 -										
May	3,011.0	1,735.1	4,746.1	3,315.6	1,430.5	1,203.2	372.4	969.8	251.6	380.0
June	3,006.2	1,732.9	4,739.1	3,305.8	1,433.2	1,196.9	371.0	968.4	250.8	380.3
July	3,000.4	1,733.6	4,734.0	3,299.3	1,434.7	1,192.9	369.7	966.8	251.2	380.5
August	2,992.5	1,732.9	4,725.4	3,293.0	1,432.5	1,187.3	366.2	967.4	250.3	380.3
September	2,990.2	1,737.7	4,728.0	3,294.7	1,433.3	1,186.7	365.2	968.1	249.8	381.1
October	2,987.6	1,744.6	4,732.1	3,299.5	1,432.6	1,187.3	363.5	971.7	249.6	381.0
November	†2,990.5	1,753.0	†4,743.5	†3,307.6	1,435.9	†1,184.4	363.8	978.6	251.5	382.1
December	2,985.0	1,737.8	4,722.9	3,296.1	1,426.8	1,176.7	360.4	980.3	252.8	382.1
1977 -										
January	2,981.5	1,722.5	4,704.0	3,275.3	1,428.7	1,172.5	358.8	967.4	251.3	382.8
February	2,991.2	1,741.1	4,732.3	3,284.6	1,447.7	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5
March	2,994.7	1,749.7	4,744.4	3,288.9	1,455.5	1,177.5	361.6	970.3	249.7	385.9
April	2,987.7	1,750.9	4,738.6	3,278.9	1,459.8	1,169.2	360.9	971.2	249.3	384.9
May	(c)2,983.2	(c)1,749.2	(c)4,732.4	3,270.1	(c)1,462.3	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5
June	2,979.2	1,746.6	4,725.7	3,262.5	1,463.2	1,156.2	361.0	968.9	249.3	385.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (d)										
1976 -										
May	2,998.2	1,729.6	4,727.8	3,308.6	1,419.2	1,201.4	367.1	967.3	251.8	377.7
June	2,996.7	1,727.1	4,723.8	3,299.5	1,424.3	1,196.2	365.9	967.9	251.3	378.9
July	3,000.6	1,730.5	4,731.1	3,303.3	1,427.8	1,193.3	367.2	970.7	252.2	381.1
August	2,998.0	1,733.0	4,731.0	3,300.6	1,430.4	1,187.6	366.0	973.3	251.4	381.8
September	2,997.5	1,735.8	4,733.3	3,297.8	1,435.5	1,185.1	366.6	972.2	251.0	382.9
October	2,994.3	1,739.4	4,733.7	3,295.4	1,438.3	1,184.1	365.8	969.5	250.6	383.4
November	†2,992.5	1,743.4	†4,735.9	†3,292.9	1,443.0	†1,181.1	366.0	968.7	250.4	384.4
December	2,989.7	1,744.2	4,733.9	3,293.8	1,440.1	1,182.2	365.8	969.3	249.6	384.5
1977 -										
January	2,993.3	1,753.2	4,746.5	3,298.4	1,448.1	1,181.8	363.7	973.1	250.1	383.4
February	2,990.3	1,745.9	4,736.2	3,290.4	1,445.8	1,176.9	361.2	974.7	250.4	382.5
March	2,986.9	1,744.8	4,731.7	3,282.8	1,448.9	1,174.2	359.4	971.1	249.8	382.7
April	2,982.5	1,746.1	4,728.6	3,277.2	1,451.4	1,168.5	360.3	971.7	249.7	382.4
May	(c)2,970.0	(c)1,743.5	(c)4,713.5	3,262.8	(c)1,450.7	1,160.5	354.9	966.8	249.4	383.2
June	2,969.3	1,740.4	4,709.7	3,255.9	1,453.8	1,155.3	355.9	968.3	249.8	383.6

(a) Estimates of private and government employment are on a revised basis. See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes semi-government bodies. (c) See footnote (c) to Table 1. (d) See footnote (b) to Table 1.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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